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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE

SOVIETS HAVE SUGGESTED HERE THAT QUESTION OF A WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE COULD BE DISCUSSED BY EMBASSY MOSCOW AND SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE VIEW THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A WORKING GROUP WOULD BE APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING. WHILE DOT, IN PRINCIPLE, IS AMENABLE TO THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE, IT CONSIDERS IT PREMATURE AS NEITHER SIDE IS FULLY AWARE OF WORK BEING DONE BY OTHER IN THIS AREA. ACCORDINGLY, IT CONSIDERS BEST INITIAL STEP WOULD BE FOR BOTH SIDES TO AGREE TO EXCHANGE BY SEPTEMBER 15 PAPERS ON STATE OF RESEARCH IN MAGNETIC LEVITATION IN BOTH COUNTRIES. BASED ON THAT EXCHANGE, SIDES WOULD BE IN POSITION TO REACH AGREEMENT AT NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING CONCERNING COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES. AS AGREED DURING THE JANUARY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS IN THIS AREA WERE TO BE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE RAIL TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP. WOULD APPRECIATE SOVIET REACTION TO PROPOSED EXCHANGES OF PAPERS SOONEST. KISSINGER

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